

Hardwick put on transfer list

STEVE Hardwick, Wycombe's stylish centre back, who has been with the club for two years, has been put on the transfer list by manager Mike Keen, writes MICHAEL KNOX.

This decision follows Hardwick's non-appearance at the Reserves game against Staines on Saturday, when picked to play, and is clearly meant as a disciplinary measure.

About 12 months ago at the start of last season Hardwick went missing for a week following a trip to Mexico for the British Universities. The then manager Andy Williams was incensed at the time, but matters were smoothed over and Hardwick took over the captaincy for a while.

Injury list

Hardwick has always been something of an enigma. A player of infinite skill, he often gave the appearance of being casual but this was probably his natural style.

The better the opposition, the better he played. I

remember one game against Enfield about 18 months ago, when he produced a world beating performance.

A speedy player with good ball skills, Hardwick will obviously attract a good number of clubs, but the Wanderers have not yet announced the asking fee, but it should be well into four figures.

With Bobby Davies performing so well in a central role, Mr Keen could obviously afford to let Hardwick go. But the manager will be hoping that his injury list gets shorter.

Gary Fowles, who would surely partner Davies at the back were he fully fit, is recovering slowly from the knee injury he suffered during the first game of the season, while three other potential first teamers Jimmy Jacobs, Paul Miles and Andy Hunt are out of action with ankle injuries.

With Mick Holifield away on holiday, the manager is unlikely to make any changes for the Berger Isthmian League match against Carshalton Athletic at Loakes Park tomorrow (Saturday).

However he will have been pleased with the way that newcomer Jimmy Richardson acquitted himself when coming on as substitute against Boreham Wood. A natural defender, he might find himself filling a mid-field role this season.

Reshuffle

Carshalton are currently bottom of the table after a reshuffle both on and off the field. After a coup at their last annual meeting, all the Carshalton officers bar one, lost their positions, while there have been several player changes too.

Dave Cobb, the Croydon goalkeeper who helped knock Wycombe out of the F.A. Cup last season, has signed on, while former Wanderer Gavin Fraser has joined from Sutton, on a player exchange deal with Graham Dennis.

They also paid out £1,500 to Tooting for winger Desmond Dennis. In the close season Carshalton received £3,500 from Dulwich for striker Gary Allen.



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